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WELL, I'VE ADDED A FEW EXTRAS TO MY CYBERNETIC HELMET SINCE THE GOOD OLD DAYS···
SNIK
-- INCLUDING AN OXYGEN UNIT, AND A PLEXIGLASS AIR-MASK.
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT.
SNIK

"Yet another comic legend has left us. Aside from being an incredible inker and painter, Tom was a true gentleman. He was like Obi-Wan to so many young editors and artists, freely sharing his experiences and wisdom with us all. Rest in peace, Tom."

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THE BLACK PANTHER IS NO LONGER WELCOME IN WAKANDA! AFTER T'CHALLA'S POLITICAL SECRETS SENT WAKANDA SPIRALING TOWARD CIVIL WAR, THE PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY MAY HAVE SURVIVED--BUT WAKANDA'S FAITH IN ITS KING DID NOT. NOW, WITHOUT THE BLACK PANTHER TO PROTECT THE MOST TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED NATION ON EARTH, A NEW CROP OF HEROES MUST RISE TO DEFEND IT.

WAKANDA

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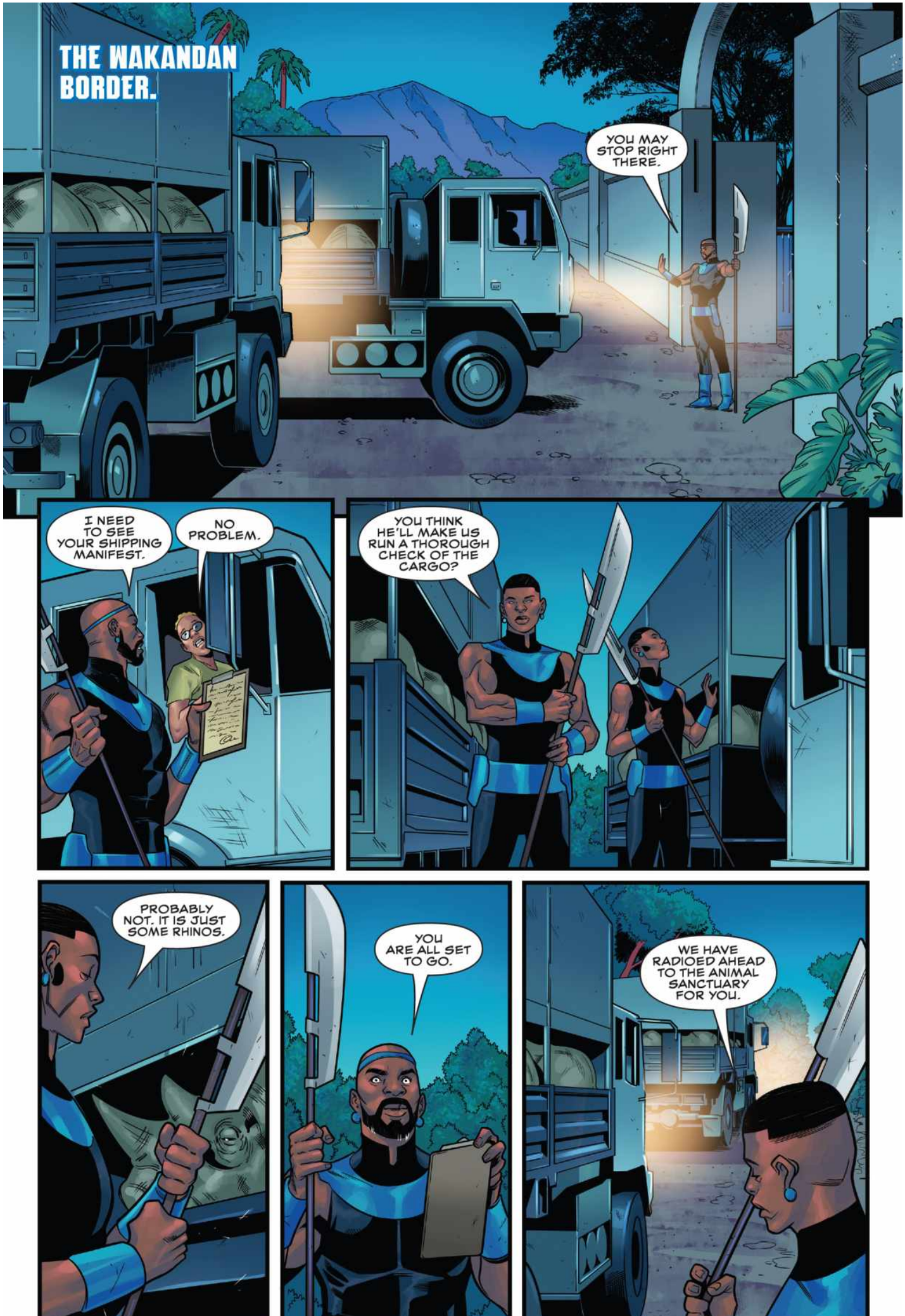
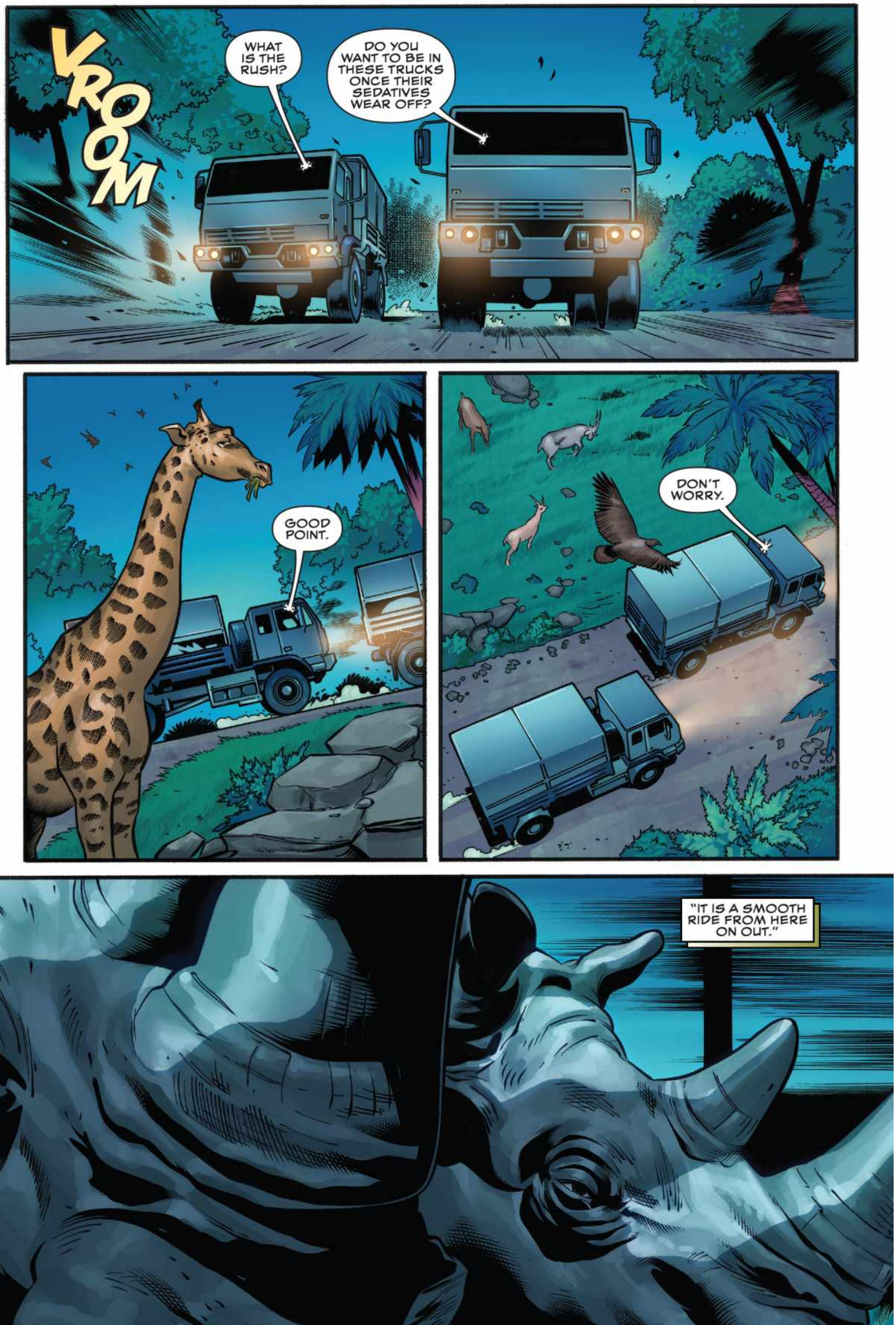
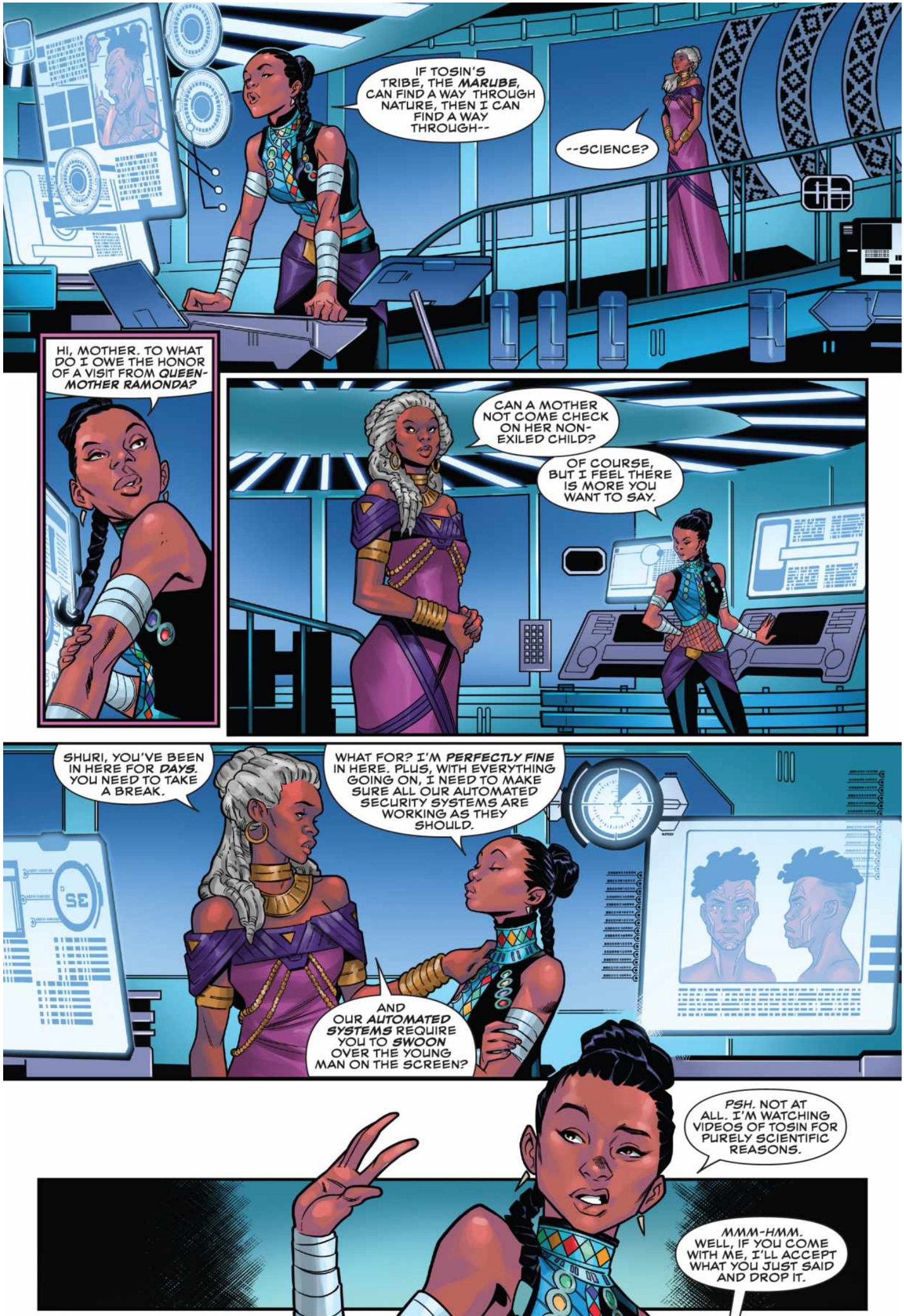
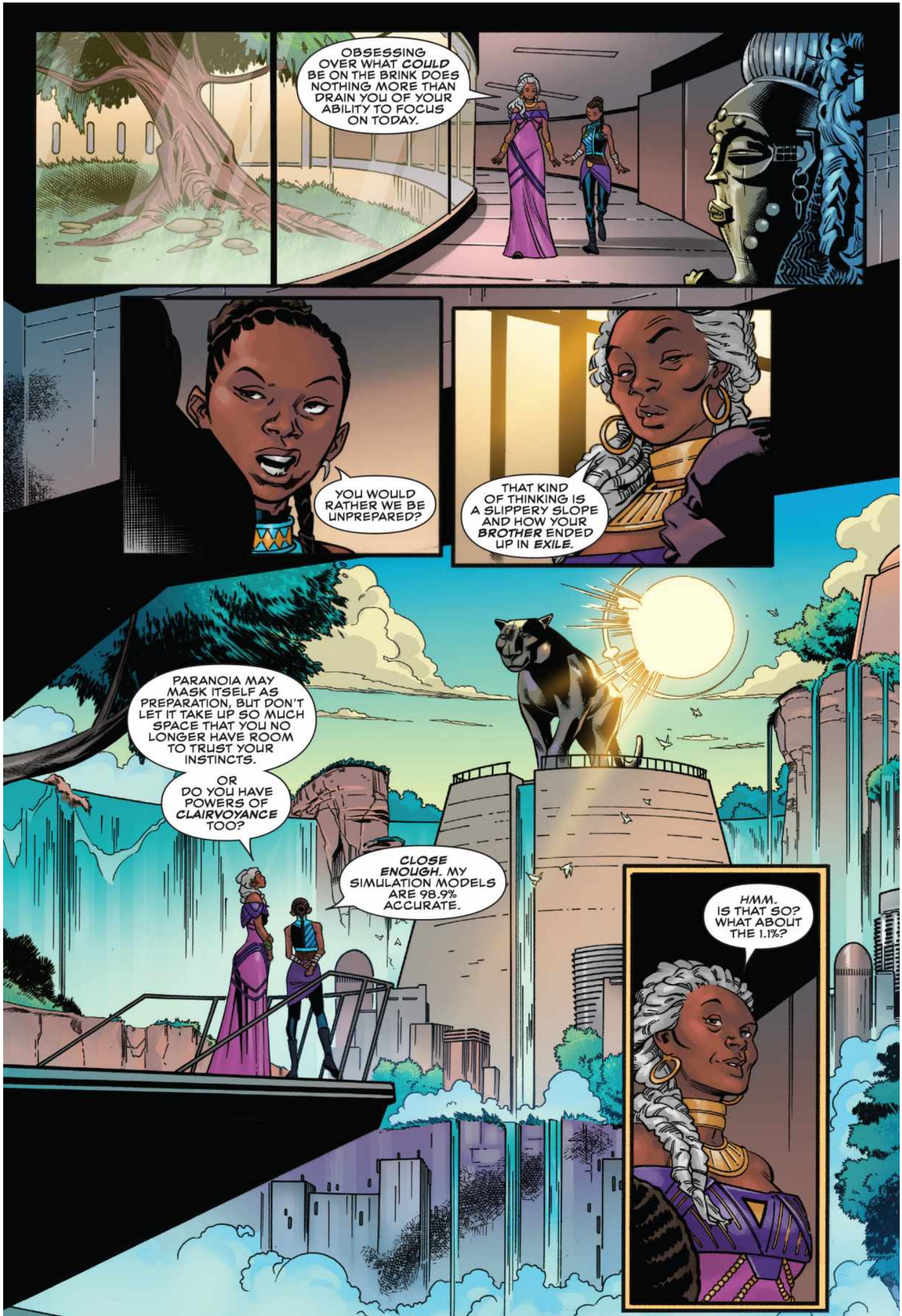
MAP OF WAKANDA BY **ADAM SIMPSON.**


THE WAKANDAN BORDER.
YOU MAY STOP RIGHT THERE.
I NEED TO SEE YOUR SHIPPING MANIFEST.
NO PROBLEM.
YOU THINK HE'LL MAKE US RUN A THOROUGH CHECK OF THE CARGO?
PROBABLY NOT. IT IS JUST SOME RHINOS.
YOU ARE ALL SET TO GO.
WE HAVE RADIOED AHEAD TO THE ANIMAL SANCTUARY FOR YOU.


VROOM
WHAT IS THE RUSH?
DO YOU WANT TO BE IN THESE TRUCKS ONCE THEIR SEDATIVES WEAR OFF?
GOOD POINT.
DON'T WORRY.
"IT IS A SMOOTH RIDE FROM HERE ON OUT."

THE NEXT DAY.
SHURI'S LAB,
THE ROYAL PALACE,
BIRNIN ZANA.
MY THOUGHTS KEEP GOING BACK TO TOSIN'S BIOHYBRIDIZED VIBRANIUM. I WON'T REST UNTIL I FIGURE OUT HOW TO CREATE MY OWN SYNTHETIC VERSION.
WITH T'CHALLA ON THE RUN AND THE FUTURE OF WAKANDA IN PERIL*, I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO THINK OF MUCH ELSE.
*SEE CURRENT ISSUES OF BLACK PANTHER. (NOTE: THIS STORY


IF TOSIN'S TRIBE, THE *MARUBE*, CAN FIND A WAY THROUGH NATURE, THEN I CAN FIND A WAY THROUGH--
--SCIENCE?
HI, MOTHER. TO WHAT DO I OWE THE HONOR OF A VISIT FROM *QUEEN-MOTHER RAMONDA?*
CAN A MOTHER NOT COME CHECK ON HER NON-EXILED CHILD?
OF COURSE, BUT I FEEL THERE IS MORE YOU WANT TO SAY.
SHURI, YOU'VE BEEN IN HERE FOR *DAYS*. YOU NEED TO TAKE A BREAK.
WHAT FOR? I'M *PERFECTLY FINE* IN HERE. PLUS, WITH EVERYTHING GOING ON, I NEED TO MAKE SURE ALL OUR AUTOMATED SECURITY SYSTEMS ARE WORKING AS THEY SHOULD.
AND OUR *AUTOMATED SYSTEMS* REQUIRE YOU TO *SWOON* OVER THE YOUNG MAN ON THE SCREEN?
PSH. NOT AT ALL. I'M WATCHING VIDEOS OF TOSIN FOR PURELY SCIENTIFIC REASONS.
MMM-HMM. WELL, IF YOU COME WITH ME, I'LL ACCEPT WHAT YOU JUST SAID AND DROP IT.


OBSESSING OVER WHAT *COULD* BE ON THE BRINK DOES NOTHING MORE THAN DRAIN YOU OF YOUR ABILITY TO FOCUS ON TODAY.
YOU WOULD RATHER WE BE UNPREPARED?
THAT KIND OF THINKING IS A SLIPPERY SLOPE AND HOW YOUR *BROTHER* ENDED UP IN *EXILE*.
PARANOIA MAY MASK ITSELF AS PREPARATION, BUT DON'T LET IT TAKE UP SO MUCH SPACE THAT YOU NO LONGER HAVE ROOM TO TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS.
OR DO YOU HAVE POWERS OF *CLAIRVOYANCE* TOO?
CLOSE ENOUGH. MY SIMULATION MODELS ARE 98.9% ACCURATE.
HMM. IS THAT SO? WHAT ABOUT THE 1.1%?

GROWL
GREAT BAST, WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?
I GUESS I MAY HAVE SKIPPED DINNER AND BREAKFAST.
WHY AM I NOT SURPRISED?
I'LL BE FINE. I CAN GRAB A QUICK SNACK ON MY WAY BACK TO THE LAB.
YOU CERTAINLY WILL NOT. *FRESH AIR* AND SOME *GOOD FOOD* WILL SERVE YOU BETTER.

NOW, WHAT IS TRULY TROUBLING YOU, SHURI?
I KNEW THIS WOULD TURN INTO AN INTERVENTION.
FAR FROM IT. THIS IS A MOTHER ASKING HER ONLY DAUGHTER TO UNBURDEN HERSELF.
-:SIGH:- I KNOW THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME WE'VE BEEN WITHOUT T'CHALLA, BUT SOMETHING ABOUT IT FEELS DIFFERENT, AND FOR THE LIFE OF ME, I CANNOT PINPOINT WHY.
HOLD YOUR THOUGHT. THE WAITRESS IS APPROACHING.
GREAT BECAUSE I'M STARVING.
I'LL TRY THE JEWELED VEGETABLE PILAU HOLD THE BERBERE BRAISED LAMB.
I'LL HAVE THE SAME.
Menu
THANK YOU, PRINCESS SHURI AND QUEEN RAMONDA. YOUR ORDERS SHOULD BE READY SHORTLY.
WHILE WE WAIT, YOU CAN CONTINUE.
YOU ARE NOT ALONE IN YOUR FEELINGS REGARDING T'CHALLA'S ABSENCE. THIS TIME DOES FEEL A BIT DIFFERENT.
MOTHER, I CAN'T HELP BUT TO CONSIDER...

"...THE 1.1% CHANCE YOU MENTIONED EARLIER...
I WAS EXPECTING *EIGHT* BLACK RHINOCEROSES...
YOU'RE RIGHT. LET'S SEE IF WE CAN FIND SOMEONE TO INQUIRE.
"WHAT IF IT'S THE NEW GOVERNMENT DECIDING THE ENTIRE *ROYAL FAMILY* IS *DISPOSABLE?*
DID ONE OF THE RHINOCEROSES NOT MAKE IT AND WE WEREN'T NOTIFIED?
NO. ONE OF THEM HAS BEEN ACTING STRANGE AND DISTANT. TRY OVER BY THE SHADED AREAS.
HMM. I DON'T SEE ANY NOTES ABOUT ITS TEMPERAMENT.
"OR SOMETHING ELSE ENTIRELY?
FOUND HIM. HE COULD STILL BE GROGGY FROM THE SEDATIVE.
"LIKE A THREAT I NEVER SAW COMING."
MAYBE SLOW DOWN A BIT. HE LOOKS ABNORMALLY LARGE.

THUD
SWEET BAST!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS WORKED!
MY EYES ARE DECEIVING ME. IS THAT A PERSON?!
I WISH I COULD STAY, BUT I MUST GET GOING.
I HAVE A NEW CITY TO TOUR.

RUMBLE
AN EARTHQUAKE?
AAH!
SHUR--
I KNEW I SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT THE LAB. STAY HERE!

I FOUND THE EPICENTER OF THE SO-CALLED EARTHQUAKE.
WAIT!
I KNOW THIS CAN'T BE WHO I THINK IT IS.
RHINO?
DON'T LOOK SO SURPRISED, PRINCESS.

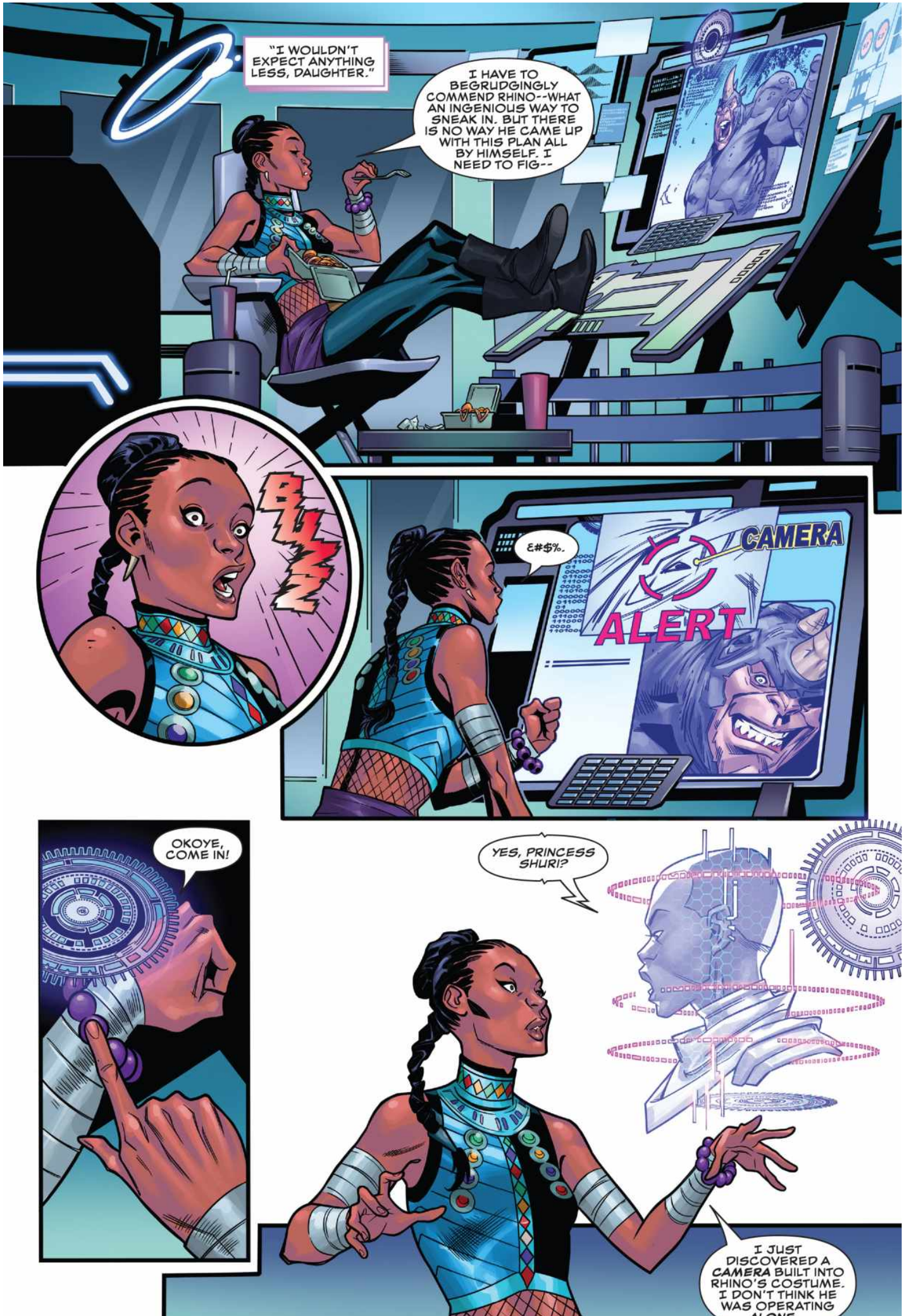
HOW DID YOU EVEN MANAGE TO GET THIS FAR? AND *WHY?*
WHAT ABOUT IT? A GUY CAN'T WANT A CHANGE OF SCENERY?
SURE, BUT NOT YOU AND CERTAINLY NOT HERE.
I'VE HEARD GREAT THINGS ABOUT WAKANDA. THOUGHT I'D COME AND CHECK OUT THE RHINO SANCTUARY.
WHEN DID YOU START CARING ABOUT RHINOS OUTSIDE OF LOOKING LIKE ONE?
THAT'S ENOUGH QUESTIONS.

ARRGH!
MOTHER! FATHER!
EEEEEEE!
MOTHER HAD A POINT ABOUT LEAVING SPACE FOR ME TO TRUST MY INSTINCTS.
AND MY INSTINCTS ARE TELLING ME TO LET THE TEACHINGS OF THE *GRIOT* GUIDE ME.
IT'S FROM THOSE LESSONS THAT I DRAW MY *POWER*.
DON'T WORRY.
SMASH
YOU'RE SAFE.

WHEW. CLOSE CALL.
I'LL END THIS QUICKLY BEFORE HE LEVELS THE CITY.
MOM! DID YOU SEE THAT?! SHE'S SO STRONG!
HA! YOU CAN TRY.
YOU POSSESS AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF CONFIDENCE FOR SOMEONE NOT ON THEIR HOME TURF.
THWIP
SERIOUSLY?
I DIDN'T COME THIS FAR TO DEAL WITH ANY RIP-OFF SPIDEY GIMMICKS.
YOU'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT! YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR BIG BRO HERE TO BACK YOU UP.

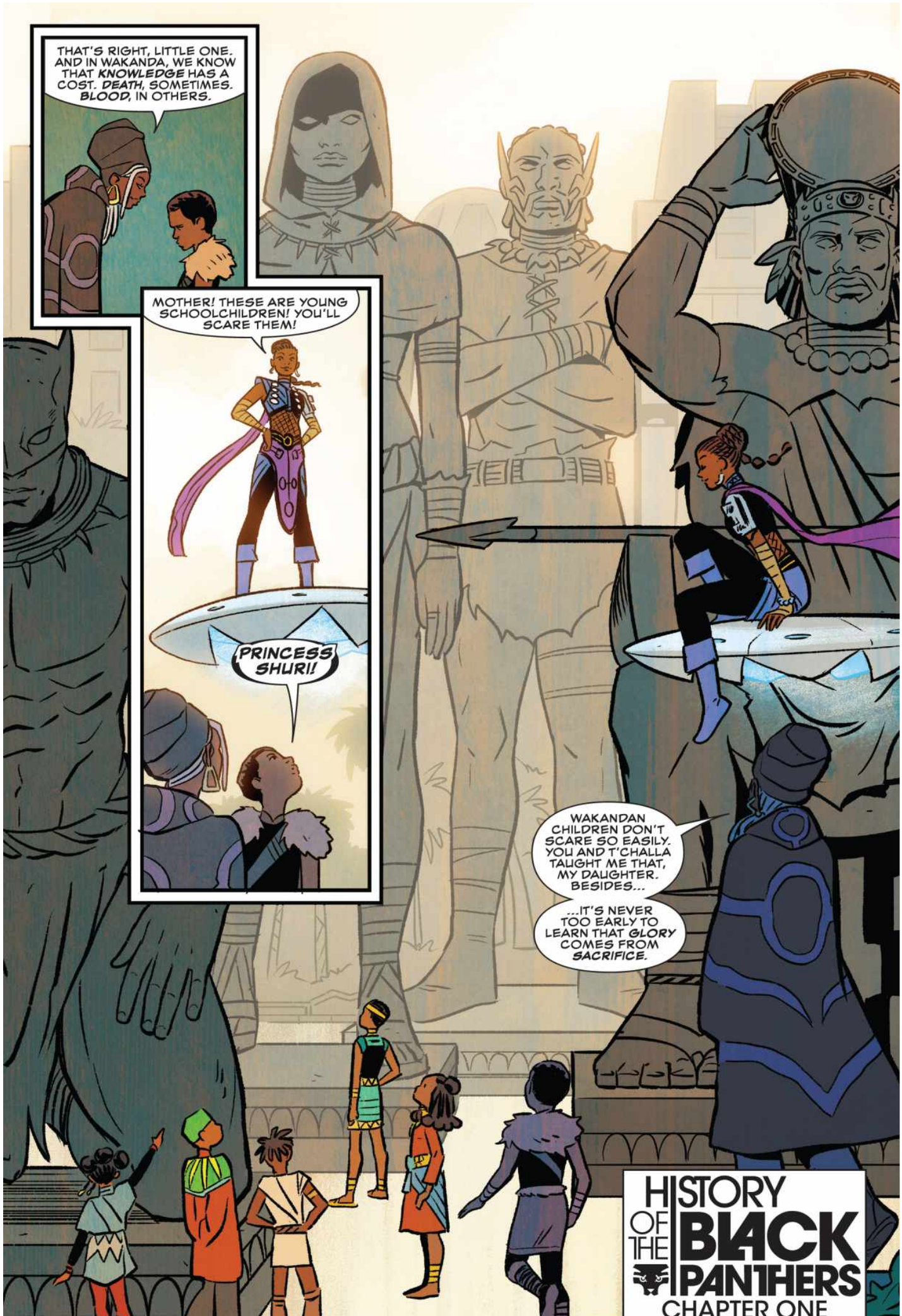
EVEN STILL, I WAS EXPECTING A *BIT* MORE OF A CHALLENGE.
AND I WAS EXPECTING A COMPLETELY REAL *THREAT*.
NOT SOME LOST RHINOCEROS.
SLAM

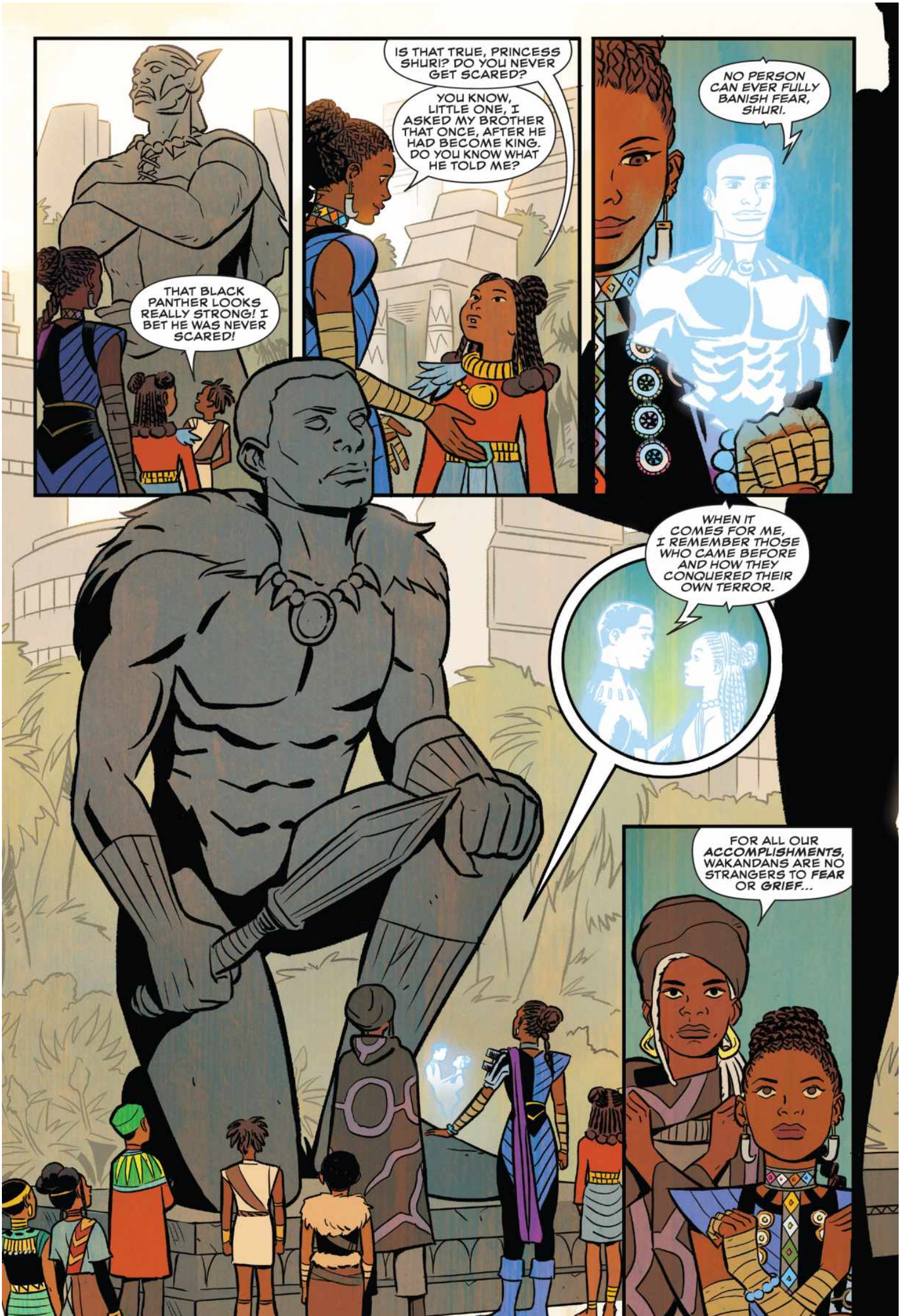
SHAME HE TRAVELED ALL THIS WAY JUST TO GET KNOCKED OUT.
SHURI! ARE YOU OKAY?
OF COURSE I AM, AND YOU WERE RIGHT.
DID YOU JUST ADMIT I WAS RIGHT? I THINK YOU MAY HAVE A CONCUSSION.
YOU MAY'VE HAD A POINT ABOUT TRUSTING YOUR INSTINCTS.
HEY, MAYBE ON THAT TOUR YOU'RE DOING LATER TODAY, YOU CAN SHARE WITH THE CHILDREN THE STORY OF HOW THE ELEPHANT REMEMBERED ITS MIGHT WAS JUST AS STRONG AS ITS MEMORY.
OR YOU COULD JOIN ME AND SHARE IT WITH THEM YOURSELF. AND, SHURI...
...NO MATTER WHAT WAITS AHEAD FOR US, SHURI, I HAVE ALL THE CONFIDENCE IN THE WORLD THAT YOU WILL RISE UP TO THE CHALLENGE. EVEN THAT UNPREDICTABLE 1.1%.
THANK YOU, MOTHER. I HOPE YOU KNOW I'LL BE WORKING ON GETTING IT DOWN TO 0.1%.


"I WOULDN'T EXPECT ANYTHING LESS, DAUGHTER."
I HAVE TO BEGRUDGINGLY COMMEND RHINO--WHAT AN INGENIOUS WAY TO SNEAK IN. BUT THERE IS NO WAY HE CAME UP WITH THIS PLAN ALL BY HIMSELF. I NEED TO FIG--
BUZZ
E#$%.
CAMERA
ALERT
OKOYE, COME IN!
YES, PRINCESS SHURI?
I JUST DISCOVERED A CAMERA BUILT INTO RHINO'S COSTUME. I DON'T THINK HE WAS OPERATING

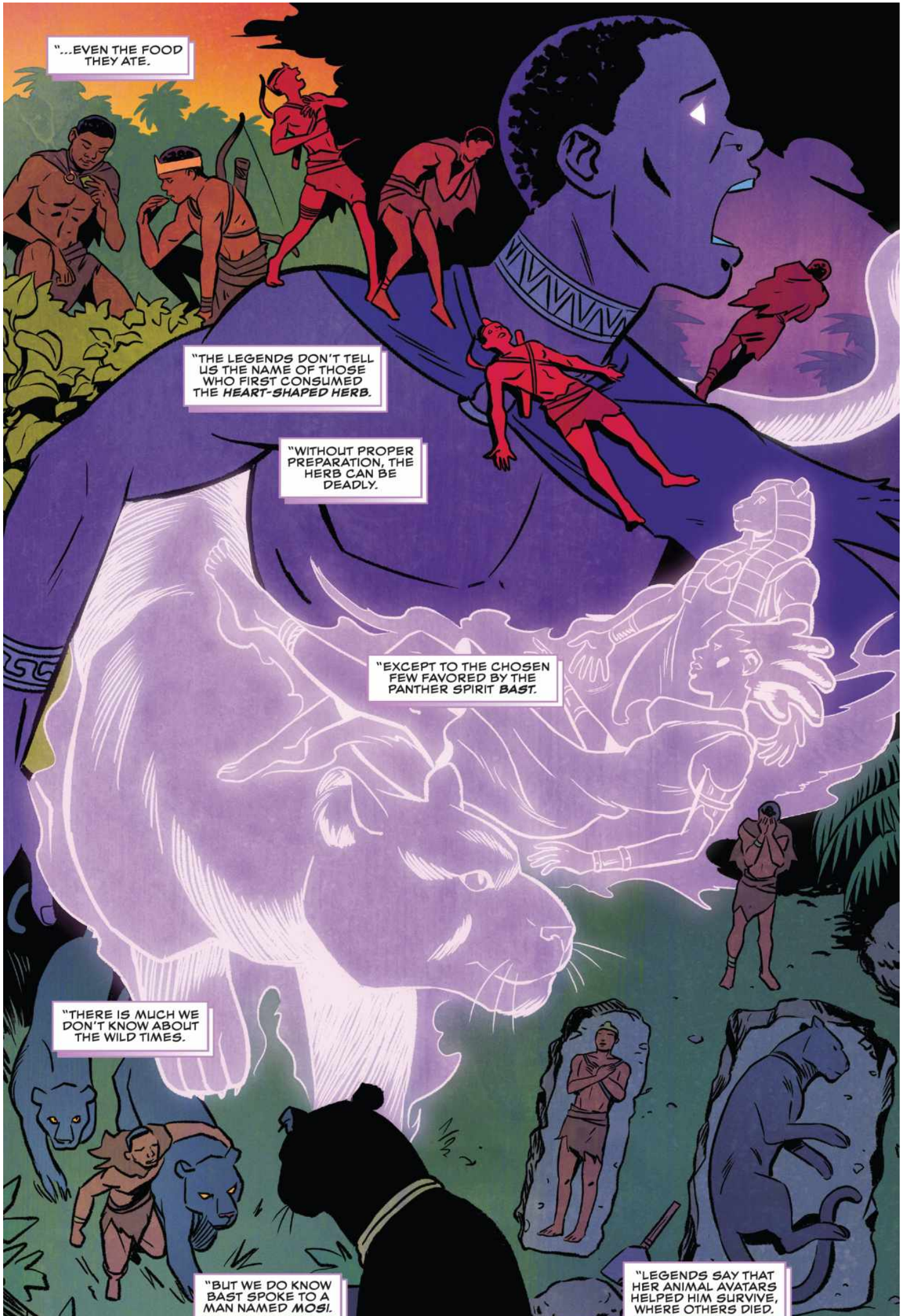
"...THIS ATTACK MAY HAVE JUST BEEN THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG."
YES, THE PLAN WENT OFF WITHOUT A HITCH. IT APPEARS WAKANDA IS OFF THEIR "A" GAME.
ALTHOUGH, IT WILL STILL BE NO EASY TASK TO EXPLOIT THIS *WEAKNESS* WITH PRINCESS SHURI STEPPING UP IN HER BROTHER'S ABSENCE.
BUT YOU LET *ME* TAKE CARE OF HER. SHURI IS OVERDUE FOR A REUNION WITH HER OLD FRIEND *OHYAKU*...
MOHANNDA
NIGANDA
00:20

HERE SHE IS, STUDENTS.
GOOD MORNING, QUEEN-MOTHER RAMONDA!
SO MANY SMILING FACES! I'M VERY GLAD YOU CHILDREN COULD JOIN US IN THE HAVEN OF HEROES. WHERE ARE YOU ALL FROM?
AZZARIA!
KINAMASI!
ALKAMA!
I COME FROM THE CRYSTAL FOREST IN THE JABARI-LANDS!
EEEEW! THAT'S WHY YOU SMELL!
NOW, NOW, LET'S ALL BEHAVE. WHO HERE CAN TELL ME WHAT MAKES WAKANDA SPECIAL?
VIBRANIUM!
THE HEART-SHAPED HERB!
UM, I DON'T KNOW... KNOWLEDGE, MAYBE?


THAT'S RIGHT, LITTLE ONE. AND IN WAKANDA, WE KNOW THAT KNOWLEDGE HAS A COST. DEATH, SOMETIMES. BLOOD, IN OTHERS.
MOTHER! THESE ARE YOUNG SCHOOLCHILDREN! YOU'LL SCARE THEM!
PRINCESS SHURI!
WAKANDAN CHILDREN DON'T SCARE SO EASILY. YOU AND T'CHALLA TAUGHT ME THAT, MY DAUGHTER. BESIDES...
...IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO LEARN THAT GLORY COMES FROM SACRIFICE.
HISTORY OF THE BLACK PANTHERS
CHAPTER ONE

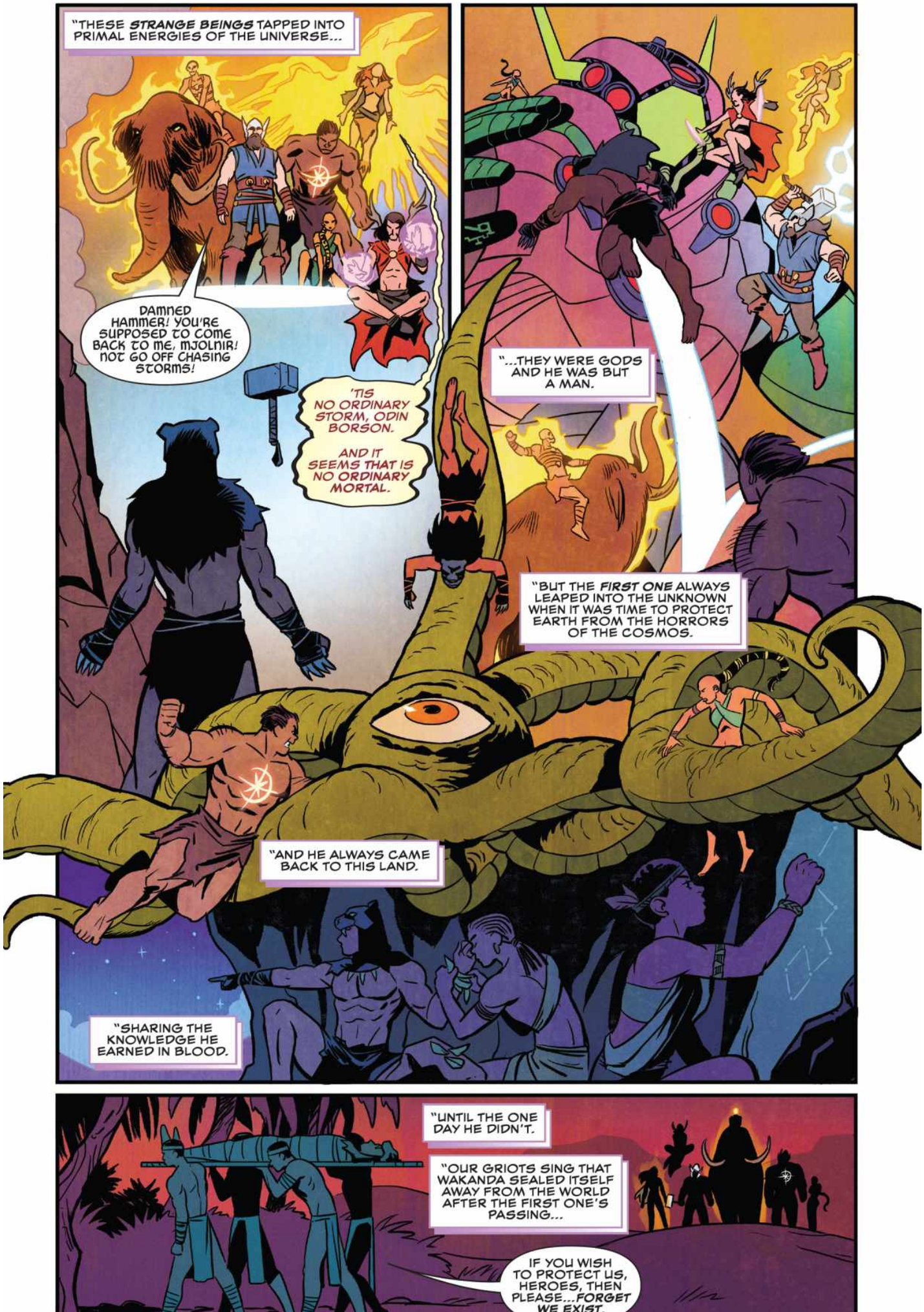

THAT BLACK PANTHER LOOKS REALLY STRONG! I BET HE WAS NEVER SCARED!
IS THAT TRUE, PRINCESS SHURI? DO YOU NEVER GET SCARED?
YOU KNOW, LITTLE ONE, I ASKED MY BROTHER THAT ONCE, AFTER HE HAD BECOME KING. DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE TOLD ME?
NO PERSON CAN EVER FULLY BANISH FEAR, SHURI.
WHEN IT COMES FOR ME, I REMEMBER THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE AND HOW THEY CONQUERED THEIR OWN TERROR.
FOR ALL OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, WAKANDANS ARE NO STRANGERS TO FEAR OR GRIEF...

1,000,000 BC.
THE WAKANDAN WILDERNESS.
"...THEY WATER THE SOIL WHERE GLORY GROWS.
"BEFORE ANY OF WAKANDA'S WONDERS EVER EXISTED, OUR ANCESTORS FOUGHT TO KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE.
"OUR HISTORIANS CALL THIS PREHISTORIC PERIOD THE WILD TIMES, WHEN THE STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE WAS ALL-CONSUMING.
"WE WERE NOT YET WHAT WE WOULD BECOME.
"NOT YET A COUNTRY THAT SHARPENED THE BLEEDING EDGE OF THE POSSIBLE.
"THE VIBRANIUM MOUND HAD BEEN MUTATING PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE FOR EONS.
"DANGER COULD COME FROM ANYWHERE...


"...EVEN THE FOOD THEY ATE.
"THE LEGENDS DON'T TELL US THE NAME OF THOSE WHO FIRST CONSUMED THE *HEART-SHAPED HERB*.
"WITHOUT PROPER PREPARATION, THE HERB CAN BE DEADLY.
"EXCEPT TO THE CHOSEN FEW FAVORED BY THE PANTHER SPIRIT *BAST*.
"THERE IS MUCH WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE WILD TIMES.
"BUT WE DO KNOW BAST SPOKE TO A MAN NAMED *MOSI*.
"LEGENDS SAY THAT HER ANIMAL AVATARS HELPED HIM SURVIVE, WHERE OTHERS DIED.

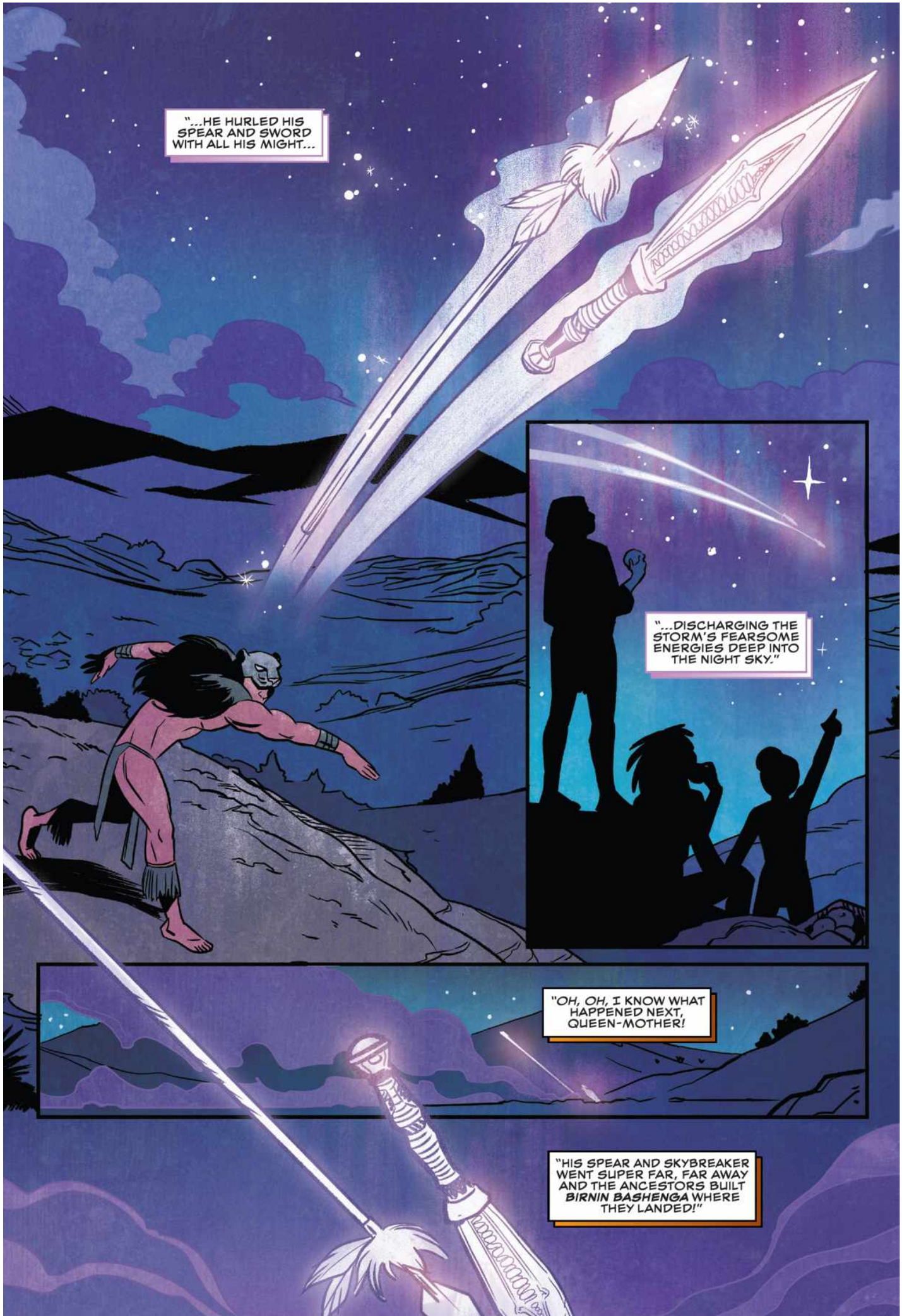
"WE KNOW HE WAS THE FIRST TO WIELD THE GIFT.
"WE KNOW HE PROTECTED OTHERS.
"INSPIRED THEM.
"HE THWARTED THREATS THAT STILL DEFY EXPLANATION."

OOOH, DO YOU THINK HE FOUGHT ALIENS?!
PERHAPS, CHILD. OUR SCIENTISTS HAVE THEIR THEORIES.
"THEY THINK THAT THE VIBRANIUM METEOR WAS STILL SWIRLING WITH THE COSMIC ENERGY IT ABSORBED WHILE ROCKETING THROUGH DEEP SPACE.
"THAT ENERGY WARPED REALITY, OPENING PORTALS BETWEEN WORLDS IN VARIOUS GALAXIES AND EARTH.
"THE SPACE-TIME STORMS OF THE WILD TIMES SUMMONED OTHERS AS WELL.


"THESE STRANGE BEINGS TAPPED INTO PRIMAL ENERGIES OF THE UNIVERSE...
DAMNED HAMMER! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO COME BACK TO ME, MJOLNIR! NOT GO OFF CHASING STORMS!
'TIS NO ORDINARY STORM, ODIN BORSON.
AND IT SEEMS THAT IS NO ORDINARY MORTAL.
"...THEY WERE GODS AND HE WAS BUT A MAN.
"BUT THE FIRST ONE ALWAYS LEAPED INTO THE UNKNOWN WHEN IT WAS TIME TO PROTECT EARTH FROM THE HORRORS OF THE COSMOS.
"AND HE ALWAYS CAME BACK TO THIS LAND.
"SHARING THE KNOWLEDGE HE EARNED IN BLOOD.
"UNTIL THE ONE DAY HE DIDN'T.
"OUR GRIOTS SING THAT WAKANDA SEALED ITSELF AWAY FROM THE WORLD AFTER THE FIRST ONE'S PASSING...
IF YOU WISH TO PROTECT US, HEROES, THEN PLEASE...FORGET WE EXIST.

"...AND WAKANDA CONTINUED TO BECOME A WORLD UNTO ITSELF.
"THE SPACE-TIME STORMS BECAME LESS FREQUENT BUT WERE AS DANGEROUS AS EVER.
"AFTER THE LOSS OF THEIR FIRST PROTECTOR, EARLY WAKANDAN TRIBES FOUND OTHER TOTEMS AND TURNED ON EACH OTHER.
"BUT WHILE EVERYONE ELSE WAS FIGHTING, THE *PANTHER TRIBE* WAS *PREPARING.*

"A WARRIOR SHAMAN NAMED *OLUMO BASHENGA* PREDICTED A TERRIBLE TEMPEST WOULD SOON ERUPT FROM THE MOUND.
"IT WOULD THREATEN ALL THEY'D BUILT, BUT BASHENGA'S APPEALS TO OTHER TRIBESPEOPLE FELL ON DEAF EARS.
"WHEN THE TIME CAME, BASHENGA CLIMBED *MENA NGAI* TO FACE THE ELEMENTS.
"THE SHAMAN RAISED HIS SWORD *SKYBREAKER* HIGH SO THE WEAPON--FORGED FROM THE PUREST VIBRANIUM--COULD ABSORB THE MAELSTROM'S FURY.
"THOUGH HIS BODY SHOOK FROM THE FORCE OF THE STRIKES, BASHENGA HELD FAST AS THE STORM RAGED FOR MANY DAYS AND NIGHTS.
"THEN, WHEN HE COULD TAKE NO MORE...


"...HE HURLED HIS SPEAR AND SWORD WITH ALL HIS MIGHT...
"...DISCHARGING THE STORM'S FEARSOME ENERGIES DEEP INTO THE NIGHT SKY."
"OH, OH, I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED NEXT, QUEEN-MOTHER!
"HIS SPEAR AND SKYBREAKER WENT SUPER FAR, FAR AWAY AND THE ANCESTORS BUILT *BIRNIN BASHENGA* WHERE THEY LANDED!"

"THAT IS RIGHT, YENLA. BECAUSE HIS ACTIONS SAVED THEM, OUR FOREBEARS *UNITED* AROUND BASHENGA.
"THIS WAS THE MOMENT WHEN WAKANDA WAS BORN AS A COUNTRY."
BUT THE TASK OF BUILDING A SOVEREIGN STATE WAS A CHALLENGE THAT EVERY FUTURE BLACK PANTHER WOULD HAVE TO FACE...

HISTORY OF THE BLACK PANTHERS

ANNOTATIONS

1. A technologically advanced African nation ruled by a lineage of kings often with the title of Black Panther, **Wakanda** was once hidden from the world to keep outsiders from its rare vibranium. In the modern era, it has become more publicly known under the rule of King T'Challa. ***Fantastic Four #52*** **(1966)**

2. Located in the central Wakandan capital, the **Wakandan Royal Palace** houses the Wakandan king and royal family. ***Fantastic Four #52*** **(1966)**

3. Following the death of T'Challa's mother, the South African **Ramonda** found the young T'Challa after he had become lost and reunited the boy with his father, King T'Chaka, with whom she fell in love and eventually married. Abducted by supremacist Anton Pretorius, Ramonda was held captive for years until she was freed by and reunited with T'Challa. ***Marvel Comics Presents #14*** **(1989)**

4. The southern Wakandan city **Birnin Azzaria** is named after former king and Black Panther Azzaria. Within the city lies Hekima Shulē University and a city center with a statue of King Azzaria. ***Black Panther #2*** **(2016)**

5. **Kinamasi** is a region of Wakanda that is represented by Counselor Yao. Some of the inhabitants (pictured) of the Kinamasi region's Birnin Benhazin city took to worshiping the malevolent mystic entity Sefako (Adversary). (Mentioned) ***Black Panther #16*** **(2017)**; (seen) ***Black Panther #17*** **(2017)**

6. The **Alkama Fields** are a region on Wakanda's borders that became the headquarters for the nature-manipulating revolutionary Tetu. ***Black Panther #3 (2016)***

7. The icy **Crystal Forest** is situated in northern Wakanda in the Jabari-Lands. The Gorilla Palace (pictured) inside the forest is the center of the forbidden White Gorilla Cult. ***Black Panther #32 (2001)***

8. A rare, extraterrestrial ore, **vibranium** exists in several forms, most notably Wakandan vibranium, which absorbs vibrational energy. After coming to Earth via meteorite over a million years ago, vibranium remained mostly a rumor until recent years, when Wakandan King T'Challa sold small amounts and used the profits to strengthen Wakanda's global standing. Shown here are some items created using Wakandan vibranium. ***Daredevil #13*** **(1966)**; (Wakandan vibranium) ***Fantastic Four #53 (1966)***

9. The **heart-shaped herb** is an annually blossoming Wakandan plant that grows on the Great Plateau and Mount Kanda. The herb's juices are used as part of the ritual to bestow superhuman abilities upon those worthy of becoming the Black Panther; it is poisonous to the unworthy. (Mentioned) ***Fantastic Four #53*** **(1966)**; (seen) ***Avengers #87 (1971)***

10. **Mamadou Fall**, **Nehanda**, **Benhazin** and **Negus** were former rulers of Wakanda and leaders of the Panther Cult. Their spirits now reside in the Djalia, the Plane of Wakandan Memory, and sometimes serve as counsel to King T'Challa. Nehanda joined a team of superhumans in the 11th century in defending Earth, the Wakandan city Birnin Benhazin was named in Benhazin's honor, and the mighty Negus fought in the first Orisha War and saw the flight of the Bird-Men of Nri. Mamadou Fall: ***New Avengers #18*** **(2014)**; Nehanda, Benhazin, Negus: ***Black Panther #14*** **(2017)**

11. T'Challa's younger half sister, **Shuri**, is one of Wakanda's greatest scientists. She has also taken on the Black Panther mantle when her brother was incapacitated. ***Black Panther #2*** **(2005)**

12. Thanks in large part to access to vibranium, Wakanda has long pioneered scientific advances, and during his reign, T'Challa has overseen further increases in his kingdom's technological lead over the rest of the world. Shuri's **Floater Disc** is a prime example of Wakandan tech. (Super-advanced Wakandan tech) ***Fantastic Four #52*** **(1966)**; (floater disc) ***Black Panther: Panther's Prey #2*** **(1991)**

13. Wakanda's current Black Panther, **T'Challa**, has opened up his often insular kingdom, more than any of his predecessors, to the wider world, seeking to enrich both. As the Black Panther, T'Challa has served as a member of both the Avengers and the Fantastic Four. ***Fantastic Four #52*** **(1966)**

14. The father of T'Challa, Jakarra and Shuri and adoptive father of Hunter, **T'Chaka** protected Wakanda for decades as its monarch and Black Panther before being murdered by the criminal Ulysses Klaw. T'Chaka's brother S'Yan took over as the Panther while his friend N'Baza served as regent until T'Challa came of age. ***Fantastic Four #53*** **(1966)**

15. The **crossed-arms salute** (right arm over left, fists at shoulders) is a sign of respect, loyalty, and solidarity among Wakandans, the gesture is often accompanied with a declaration of "Wakanda forever!" ***Marvel Studio's Black Panther*** **(2018)**; adapted for comics in the 2018 ***Black Panther*** title.

16. The **dinosaurs of Serpent Valley** reside in a Wakandan location permanently shrouded in mist, one of a handful of areas around the world where dinosaurs have survived into the modern day. (Mentioned on map) ***Jungle Action #6*** **(1973)**; (seen) ***Jungle Action #13*** **(1975)**; (dinosaurs seen) ***Jungle Action #14*** **(1975)**

17. Originally mutated by exposure to vibranium, Wakanda's gigantic **White Gorillas** can exceed 12' tall and 1,200 lbs. Residing in the frozen regions atop the kingdom's mountain ranges, they are worshiped by the Jabari Tribe and considered the traditional adversaries of Wakanda's feline totem. (Mentioned) ***Avengers #63*** **(1969)**; (seen) ***Jungle Action #13*** **(1975)**

18. Wakanda had been shown to be home to various unusual species, but it was not until T'Challa's half brother Jakarra's **mutation due to vibranium exposure** that the exotic metal was revealed to be the culprit behind at least some of these unique specimens. (Mutation, cause unrevealed) ***Jungle Action #13*** **(1974)**; (mutation, cause revealed) ***Black Panther #7*** **(1977)**

19. **Bast**, the Wakandans' Panther God, is one of the eldest of the Ennead, also known as the Egyptian Gods. She has protected the African tribes that became the Wakandans since long before either Wakanda or Egypt formed, empowering the Black Panther line since 1,000,000 BC. ***Marvel Tales #96*** **(1950)**; (modern, totem seen) ***Fantastic Four #52*** **(1966)**; (possessing human host) ***Black Panther #1*** **(1988)**; (full) ***Black Panther #4*** **(1988)**

20. In the Stone Age circa 1,000,000 BC, **Mosi** was the leader of the Panther Tribe who discovered a meteorite containing the rare vibranium ore. As the first Black Panther, he joined other powerful super-beings in protecting Earth from numerous threats. ***Marvel Legacy #1*** **(2017)**

21. Mosi's vibranium claws served as one of his primary weapons; subsequent Black Panthers over the centuries have also used similar claws. Vibranium has contributed toward other weapons including Captain America's shield, armor worn by Night Thrasher (Dwayne Taylor), arrows used by Hawkeye (Clint Barton) and other knives, uniforms, battlesuits, prosthetics and mesh for protective outfits. ***Black Panther #15*** **(1979)**

22. The **Cotati** are a formerly peaceful, telepathic, plant-based race that originated on the planet Hala. Wakanda was instrumental in defeating the Cotati when they declared war on all animal life in the universe. Mosi's battle against a Cotati is new information provided in this issue. ***Avengers #130*** **(1974)**; (identified) ***Avengers #133*** **(1975)**

23. Wakanda's vibranium originated as a meteor from the Vega System. After crashing in the small African nation of Wakanda, the vibration-absorbing ore helped that country become one of the most scientifically and technologically advanced nations on Earth. The mound containing vibranium is formally called **Mena Ngai**. ***Black Panther #7*** **(1978)**; (formal name revealed) ***Black Panther #4*** **(2016)**

24. The **Brood** are a parasitic, insectoid alien race driven by hunger and procreation. Their queen parasitically implants embryos in living hosts, which eventually turn them into Brood. Mosi's battle against a Brood is new information provided in this issue. ***Uncanny X-Men #155*** **(1982)**

25. Seeking to discover the cosmic origins of vibranium, T'Challa sent explorers into space only for them to go through a time warp back two thousand years. This story is the first to confirm that **vibranium's cosmic energy caused warps** in Wakanda, as well as the space-time warp. (Time warps mentioned) ***Black Panther #15*** **(2019)**; (depicted) ***Last Annihilation: Wakanda*** **(2021)**

26. **Mjolnir** is the hammer of the Asgardian Thunder God Thor Odinson. It is nearly indestructible, forged out of the mystical metal uru, and possesses multiple enchantments by Odin, including the restriction that only those worthy of its power can lift it, the ranks of whom include Mosi. ***Venus #12*** **(1951)**; (modern) ***Journey into Mystery #83*** **(1962)**; (Mosi's lifting of Mjolnir) ***Avengers*** **(2018)** ***#36***

27. The **Celestials** are enigmatic, near-omnipotent cosmic beings who traverse known reality, performing experiments on countless species, apparently to provoke evolution. Mosi was among the group of superhumans who killed the insane Celestial **Zgreb the Sorrower** when it threatened Earth in 1,000,000 BC. ***Eternals #2*** **(1976)**; (Zgreb) ***Marvel Legacy #1*** **(2017)**

28. The **Avengers of 1,000,000 BC** were a group of superhuman beings that included the Asgardian Odin Borson, the sorcerer Agamotto, Black Panther (Mosi), the fiery Phoenix ("Firehair"), spirit of vengeance Ghost Rider, the vastly powerful Starbrand (Vnn) and Iron Fist (Fan Fei), who defended the prehistoric Earth against numerous threats during the "Wild Times."

Marvel Legacy #1 (2017); this issue is the first use of **"Wild Times"** in relation to the 1,000,000 BC era.

29. A Lord of Chaos, extradimensional **Shuma-Gorath** is an ancient malevolent bane to all life on Earth, who has been bound and vanquished by masters of the mystic arts such as Dr. Stephen Strange. *Marvel Premiere #5* (1972)

30. **Mosi's death** occurred during a battle between the Avengers of 1,000,000 BC and the monstrous spawn of the Frost Giant king Laufey and the Negative Zone insect queen Hyve. *Avengers 1,000,000 BC #1* (2022)

31. Though many proto-Wakandans worshiped the Panther God (Bast), others followed different deities, including the Lion God (Sekhmet), the Crocodile God (Sobek), the Gorilla Gods Ngi and Ghekre, and there were those who worshiped Hyena (not pictured), each forming their own **tribes**. As Bast became dominant, the Hyena Clan departed Wakanda for other parts of Africa, while the other three groups came to be viewed as heretics and cultists. (Lion Tribe) *Avengers #112* (1973); (Crocodile Tribe) *Black Panther #3* (2009); (White Gorilla Tribe/Jabari) *Avengers #62* (1969); (Hyena Tribe) *FF #12* (2012)

32. During the Bronze Age, **Olumo Bashenga** and two of his children forged the sword **Skybreaker** ("the Voice of Heavens") out of pure vibranium and used it and his spear (the **Spear of Bashenga**) to serve Wakanda. He later founded the Black Panther Cult and served as a Black Panther to guard the Vibranium Mound from outsiders and is considered the Father of Wakanda. His spirit now resides in the Djalia, the Plane of Wakandan Memory, and sometimes serves as counsel to T'Challa. *Black Panther #7* (1978); (Skybreaker, referenced) *X of Swords: Creation #1* (2020), (Skybreaker, seen) *Marauders #13* (2020); (Spear of Bashenga) *Black Panther #7* (1978); Bashenga's first name, that he is the unidentified blacksmith seen in *Marauders #13* (2020), and that he is the father of the children in that story are all revealed for the first time in this issue.

33. **Birnin Bashenga** is a major Wakandan city, named after Olumo Bashenga, Wakanda's first king and an early Black Panther. It has been the site of attacks by the robot inventor Machinesmith and by Knull's symbiote army. (On map) *Black Panther #4* (2016); (seen) *Black Panther: Soul of a Machine #6* (2017)

34. The first appearance of **Bashenga throwing Skybreaker and his spear**, **Bashenga trying to convince other tribes of danger**, the **Elder Panther Cat**, the **Haven of Heroes**, **vibranium's cosmic energy causing reality warps** and the **vibranium obelisk** are all in this very issue, *Wakanda #1* (2022).

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